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SUBJECT: CHADIAN COUP DEVELOPMENTS: SUPREME MILITARY COUNCIL

ESTABLISHED

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1. EVENING RADIO ANNOUNCEMENT APRIL 16 REVEALED FORMATION THAT DAY OF "SUPREME MILITARY COUNCIL" (SMC) WHICH PROVISIONARY SUPREME GOVERNING BODY. COUNCIL COMPOSED NINE MEMBERS. PRESIDENT IS GENERAL MALLOUM; VICE PRESIDENT, COL. DJIME. MEMBERS INCLUDE ARMY CINC ODINGAR; GENERAL DJOGO; MAJOR KAMOUQUE ABDEL KADER (GENDARMERIE OFFICER WHO LED COUP AND FORMER G-3 CHADIAN HIGH COMMAND); AND GROUP YOUNGER OFFICERS: CAPTAIN REASNGAR MBAIDOU-LOUMAL (FORMER G-2 CHADIAN HIGH COMMAND), CAPTAIN ZAKARIA WAWA DAHAB (FORMER OPERATIONS OFFICER, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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CHADIAN ESCADRILLE), LT. MAHAMOUD ABDERAMAN, (ASS'T TO DJOGO AT

MILITARY CABINET), AND LT. GOUARA LASSOU (FORMER COMMANDER OF 3RD PARACHUTE COMPANY AT SARH).

2. FOUR COMMISSIONS ESTABLISHED BY COUNCIL: COMMISSION OF ENQUIRY AND CONTROL OF THE FINANCIAL AND MATERIAL SITUATION; COMMISSION FOR THE REVISION OF PUBLIC STATUES AND FUNCTIONS; COMMISSION FOR ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL STUDIES; AND COMMISSION ON THE MILITARY.

3. COUNCIL ALSO A.) SUSPENDED ALL "INDEMNITIES" UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE (THIS UNCLEAR, BUT PRESUMABLY MEANS SUSPENSUON OF PERQUISITES AND IMMUNITIES); B.) SUSPENDED ALL FUNCTIONS COMPAGNIE TCHADIENNE DE SECURITE (FORMER ELITE PRESIDENTIAL GUARD); C.) ANNOUNCED CREATION OF PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT, COMPOSITION OF WHICH TO BE GIVEN LATER; D.) ORDERED ALL MEMBERS FORMER GOVERNMENT, MNRCS, SUPREME COURT, ECON AND SEC COUNCIL, ETC., TO REMAIN AT PLACE OF RESIDENCE AND BE READY TO RESPOND TO CALL FOR CONVOCAATION; E.) ORDERED SURETE NATIONAL TO REPORT URGENTLY ON SITUATION POLITICAL PRISONERS AND F.) INVITED GENERAL DOUMRO (RETIRED BY PRESIDENT TOMBALBAYE IN 1972 AS CHADIAN CHIEF OF STAFF AND REPLACED BY GEN. MALLOUM), "WHEREVER HE MAY BE," TO RETURN TO N'DJAMENA.

4. PRESIDENT SMC GEN. MALLOUM ADDRESSED NATION BY RADIO MIDNIGHT APRIL 15. SPEECH BRIEF, DECRIED FAULTS OF PREVIOUS REGIME AND CALLED FOR UNITY.

5. ONLY RESTAURANTS AND FOOD STORES WERE PERMITTED OPEN APRIL 14 AND 15. RESTRICTIONS ABOLISHED AS OF APRIL 16 AND ENTERPRISES AND SERVICES OPERATING NORMALLY.

6. AIRPORT AND FRONTIERS REMAIN CLOSED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE; CURFEW REMAINS IN EFFECT FROM 1800 HOURS TO 0600 HOURS.

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